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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, December 14.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .00.
Temperature, Max. 76; Min. 66. Weather, fair.

ESTABLISHED JULY 2, 1856.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 4.17c. Per Ton, \$83.40.
88 Analysis Beets, 12s. 0 1/2 d. Per Ton, \$91.00.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1909.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

SWANLEY ARRIVES WITH EIGHT HUNDRED MORE PORTUGUESE

Prospective Citizens Are Greeted by Hundreds of Relatives and Friends.

Eight hundred and sixty-nine Portuguese men, women and children left Madeira and St. Michael islands for Honolulu aboard the British steamship Swanley, and although three infants died on the way, about eight hundred and seventy-four arrived at Honolulu yesterday morning, there being eight births on the voyage.

It was an eager crowd which lined the rails of the steamer when the vessel arrived off port and as she passed in and tied up at the Channel wharf, and there were hundreds of their countrymen and women ashore anxious to see old friends or relatives. In fact, so many of the Honolulu Portuguese swarmed over the road between the wharf and the immigrant station to see the new arrivals, and to talk and weep with them, that Inspector-in-Charge Raymond C. Brown had to use fire ropes to keep the crowd back.

The Swanley brought 511 adults, and they were a likely looking lot of people. They did not all look like agricultural laborers. Many wore clothes of a city cut, a la Azores styles, and some appeared even dandified. Some of the men came ashore wearing jaunty hats of straw or felt, some carried canes, and sported gold chains and watches, some carried parrots, dogs, game cocks, while accordeons, guitars and mandolins were numerous among the musical instruments. Many of the women were exceedingly trim in tight fitting dresses, wearing hats akin to the peach basket style of several months ago—but it must be remembered the immigrants have been at sea nearly two months.

Being Examined.

The immigrants came ashore soon after the vessel tied up and were immediately examined by the health officer.

FREAR HAS NO INTENTION OF RESIGNING POST

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 15.—Governor Frear of Hawaii denies that he has any intention of resigning, issuing the denial last night in answer to a Honolulu report that his mission to Washington was to place his resignation in the hands of the President.

THREE LINERS REPORT IN BY WIRELESS

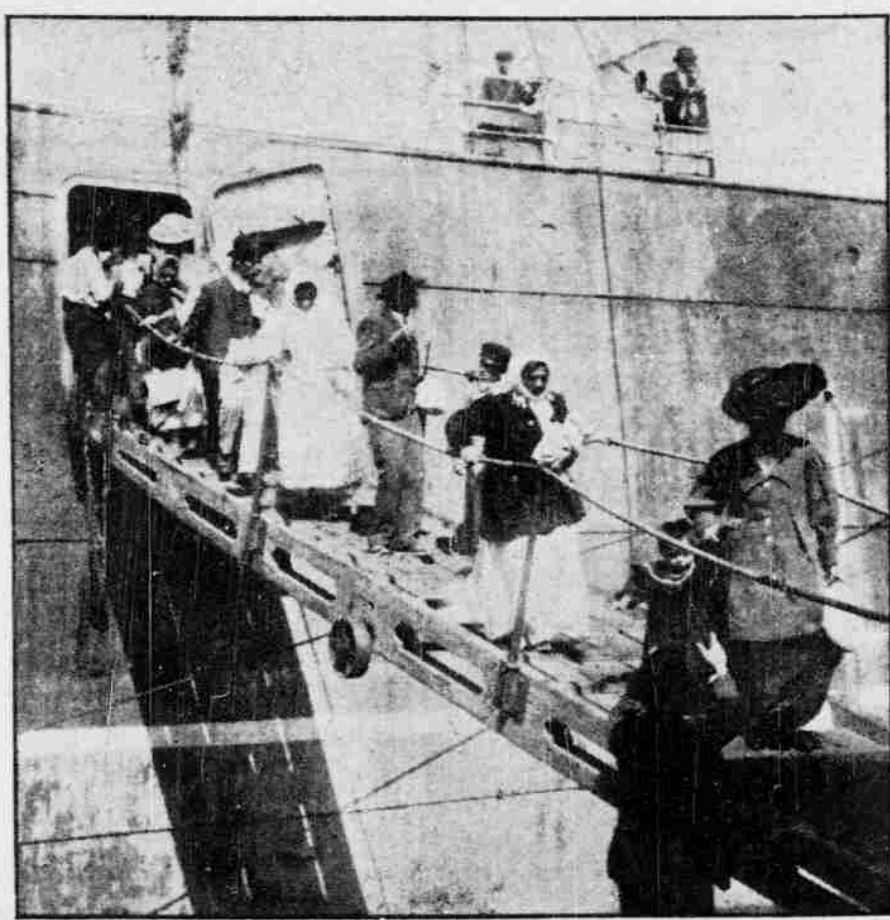
The Kahuku wireless operator was in communication last night with three liners. The Makura reported fine weather from a point forty miles south of Fanning Island. The Alameda at eight o'clock was nine hundred miles out, reporting that she would arrive at eight o'clock on Friday morning. The Korea wireless across nineteen hundred and eighty-five miles of water, reporting light southwest breeze and sea. These messages were received under difficulties, the weather conditions last night being very unfavorable.

HAWAIIAN FLAG PRETTIEST ONE MAN EVER SAW

Hawaii's territorial flag, formerly the flag of the Republic, the Provisional government, and the Monarchy, has now a place in the lockers of the Pulitzer, better known as The World, building in New York city. A handsome flag sent by the promotion committee has reached Superintendent E. A. Pratt of the Pulitzer building, who writes the committee as follows:

"I think the flag the prettiest I ever saw, of course, next to the American flag. The Hawaiian flag has probably never been seen on a public building in this city before.

"It will give me great pleasure to have the Hawaiian flag raised on this building on your two special holidays, June 11, and the third Saturday of September, and I am thinking of putting it up on New Year's day with the American flag."



ENTERING INTO A NEW LAND.
Immigrants leaving the S. S. Swanley yesterday.

FIRE MAY WIPE OUT TOWN CENTER

IS UNPROTECTED BY LAWS

Existing Statutes So Lax That City Is Threatened by Dangerous Conditions.

"If a fire were to get a good start today in the business section of Honolulu it would mean the wiping out of the town. Honolulu has grown faster than her fire department and the present building regulations have allowed conditions to be created which are most dangerous."

This is the opinion of Charles H. Thurston, chief engineer of the Honolulu fire department, expressed yesterday.

Chief Thurston, as head of the department entrusted with the safeguarding of the city from fire, finds himself handicapped in every way in protecting the business center of the city, and the adjoining quarters built up for the most part with frame buildings, no better than made-to-order fire traps. He is handicapped by a lack of proper legislation and by what is evidently a lack of desire on the part of the legislators to assist him in any way.

The chief has no complaint to find with any of the lawmaking bodies, for existing laws were fully competent to protect the city at the time they were passed but are useless at the present time.

"Honolulu is a growing city," said Thurston yesterday. "It has grown much in the past, is growing now and will grow much more in the future and the fire department simply has not grown with it."

The Chinese quarter, which would at the touch of an unwatched fire be reduced to ashes in a half day's time, is practically unprotected for in these flimsy buildings a fire would spread beyond control if there was the least delay before the engines reached it from the central station, the nearest to the quarter. An accident, the falling of a horse and his crippling, anything of that nature, would have most serious results.

Now that the vacant lot on Smith street has been turned over to the city and county by the Territory, the chief is in hopes of having a new fire station there inside of six months. He has asked the board of supervisors for \$15,000 for the purpose.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WAS SHORT AND BUSINESSLIKE

Without Pyrotechnics or Explosives, President Taft Submits His Program for the Consideration of Congress.

(Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 7.—President Taft today sent his annual message to congress. The tariff, the Nicaraguan question, sugar frauds and "white slavery" are among the questions discussed.

Perhaps the most important question presented to this administration is that of economy in expenditure and sufficiency of revenue, says the President, who discusses the methods taken to meet the deficit. The President declares it unwise to attempt further revision of the tariff until the facts are at hand upon which such revision can properly be undertaken.

Speaking generally, he says the country is in a high state of prosperity. He notes the increase in the cost of living, but says the tariff is not the cause. In those products of the factory and farm there has been no increase in the tariff and in many instances a very considerable reduction, the President declares.

In beginning the President says: "The relations of the United States with all foreign governments have con-

tinued the normal basis of amity and good understanding and are very generally satisfactory."

President Taft says the Zelaya government of Nicaragua has kept Central America in constant turmoil. It is unnecessary, he says, to rehearse here the sad tale of unspeakable barbarities and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Zelaya government. Recently two Americans were put to death by order of President Zelaya himself. They were reported to have been regularly commissioned officers in the organized forces of a revolution, and as such, according to the modern enlightened practice of civilized nations, they would be entitled to be dealt with as prisoners of war. He continues:

"This government proceeded with deliberate circumspection to determine the exact truth in relation to these reports and upon the course in the premises most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America and to civilization."

Concerning the Far East, the President says this government preserves unchanged its policy of supporting the open door and adds:

"Our traditional relations with the Japanese empire continue cordial as usual. The arrangement of 1908 for a cooperative control of the coming of

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PROTECTORATE TO RESTORE ORDER

Knox Urged to Declare One Over Nicaragua and Settle the Present Trouble.

ALONE OR WITH MEXICO'S AID

Reports From Scene of Trouble Are Most Conflicting—Zelaya Party Weakening.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The department of state is being strongly urged to declare the establishment of an American protectorate over the Republic of Nicaragua, acting either alone or in conjunction with the Mexican government.

This is being urged as the best solution of the present trouble and as a means of restoring order in Central America in the quickest possible way. The suggestion is that America should land troops, restore order, place the government on a settled basis and retain possession of the country until such time as a free election can be held and the Nicaraguans select for themselves a president and a senate, pledged to carry out the terms of the constitution, at which time America can withdraw.

Mexican Attitude Not Announced.

The attitude which Mexico purposes to take regarding the Nicaraguan situation and American intervention is stated in a document yesterday handed Secretary of State Knox by Senor Enrique C. Creel, the special envoy of Mexico. The contents of the document have not yet been made public.

Denounce Americans.

CITY OF MEXICO, December 15.—The resolutions denouncing the United States for its attitude towards President Zelaya, which were adopted recently at a meeting of the members of the Nicaraguan colony in this city, have been forwarded to Secretary of State Knox.

The resolutions state that the United States is responsible for the revolution against Zelaya and that it is not right for the American government to interfere in favor of the revolutionists. The resolutions also call attention to "the dominating tendencies of the American government."

Conflicting Nicaraguan Reports.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, December 14.—It is expected by the populace that President Zelaya will hand in his resignation today. Open sympathy for the rebellion against Zelaya was manifest in the streets here today. The streets were filled with people who gave unrestrained way to their enthusiasm in a demonstration against the government.

Crowds gathered and cheered for Estrada and for the United States, that now seems to be regarded as his ally.

PORT LIMON, December 14.—A mass meeting has been held at this port protesting against the landing of American troops on Nicaraguan soil.

Marines at Bluefields.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, December 14.—General Estrada, at the head of the revolutionary army, is planning to concentrate his entire forces and make an advance on Managua.

The American consul is making extensive arrangements for shore quarters for the United States marines who are landing from the cruisers at this point.

The insurgent forces have captured three towns in the interior that have been strongholds of the Zelaya forces.

Zelaya Victory Denied.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—The report that President Zelaya has captured the town of Rama has been discredited.

General Vasquez, who is commanding the Zelaya army, is said to be practically surrounded by the insurgents.

FEDERATION WILL OPEN THE FIGHT

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, December 15.—After a two days' conference of the delegates of the American Federation of Labor, presided over by President Gompers, the leaders of the federation have decided to declare war upon the United States Steel Corporation over the latter's policy of the open shop.

CAPTAIN HOBSON HAS ANOTHER SHIVER

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 15.—Congressman Hobson yesterday made an extended speech warning congress of the unpreparedness for war that exists in America. He urged a more liberal naval policy than that outlined in the President's message and the report of the secretary of the navy.



A GROUP OF YESTERDAY'S ARRIVALS.—LOOKING HOPEFULLY TO THE FUTURE.

WILD RUMOR FLATLY DENIED

No Truth in Story That Frear Intends to Resign the Governorship.

"There is no truth whatever in the story published in the Bulletin to the effect that Governor Frear intends to resign and that I have received a letter from him announcing such to be his intention. You may deny it absolutely."

The above statement was made by Acting Governor Mott-Smith yesterday.

HONOLULU BOY HONORED.

(By Associated Press.)

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, December 14.—Lothrop Withington of Honolulu was today elected captain of the Harvard football team.

WILL URGE BILL FOR A DRY HAWAII

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 15.—A delegation from the international reform bureau, to be headed by John G. Woolley, will appear before the senate committee on Friday to urge the passage of Senator Johnson's Senate Bill 1862, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor in the Territory of Hawaii.

This is the measure which Mr. Woolley is delegated by the antislavery league of Hawaii to advocate before congress, concerning which much active work with individual members of con-

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KAMEHAMEHA'S NAME HONORED

Military Post at Queen Emma Point Named After the Great King.

"Fort Kamehameha" is to be the name of the new military post at Queen Emma Point, Pearl Harbor. This is the first post in Hawaii to which a Hawaiian name has been applied, all the others bearing names commemorative of heroes who served their country with distinction.

It is true that one other post bears

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DAUGHTER GOES TO KING'S BEDSIDE

(By Associated Press.)

VIENNA, December 15.—Ex-Crown Princess Stephanie, the daughter of the King of Belgium, has started for Brussels.

Leopold Is Better.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, December 14.—The surgical operation performed on King Leopold today was entirely successful, and the royal patient is reported to be improving.

ROBBED WHILE DETECTIVES WATCHED

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 15.—While two detectives were guarding the drugstore on Market street, twice held up by the much-wanted and bold bandit, looking for his reappearance for a third attempt, the robber entered an adjoining candy store, twenty feet away, robbed that and made his escape.

GOVERNOR HASKELL ILL.

(By Associated Press.)

GUTHRIE, Oklahoma, December 15.—Governor Haskell is again seriously ill.



HARBOR OF FUNCHAL, MADEIRA, FROM WHICH THE NEWLY ARRIVED PORTUGUESE SAILED FOR HAWAII.